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Jorge DUBCOVSKY et al.

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For: **GENES RESPONSIBLE FOR
VERNALIZATION REGULATION IN
TEMPERATE GRASSES AND USES
THEREOF**

Examiner: S. Baum

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 5, 2006 (Paper No. 0306) for which a response was due on July 5, 2006. Filed herewith is a *Petition* and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for the response to August 5, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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